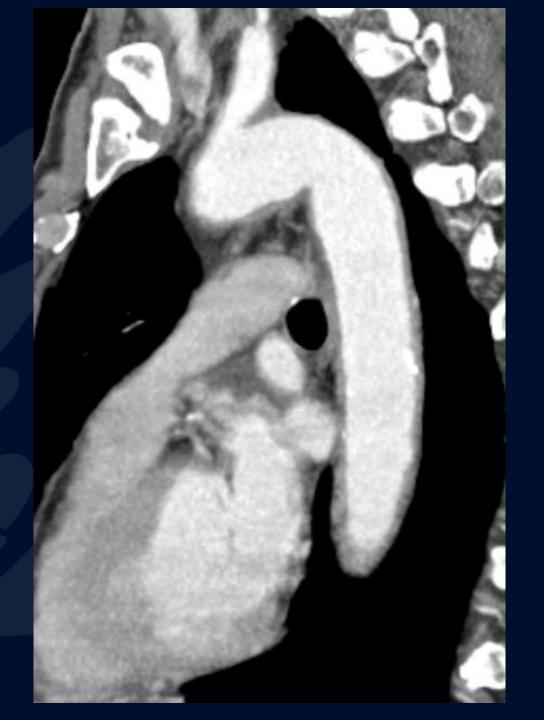
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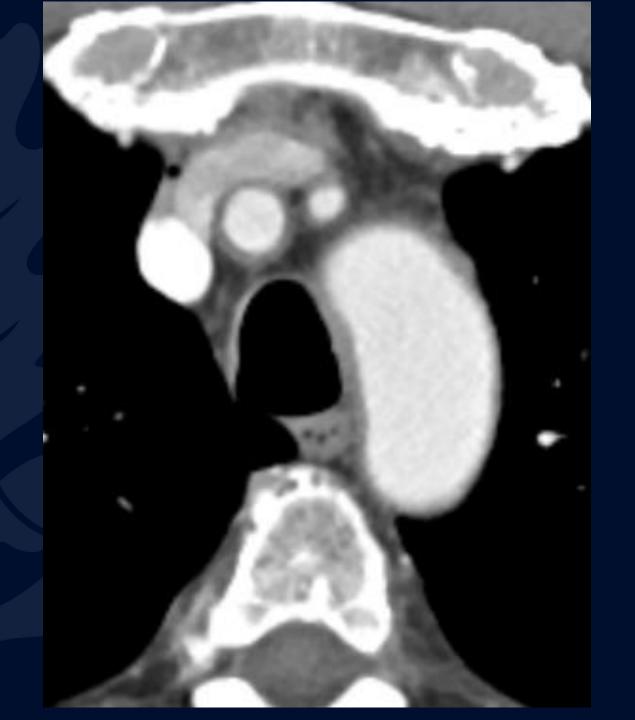
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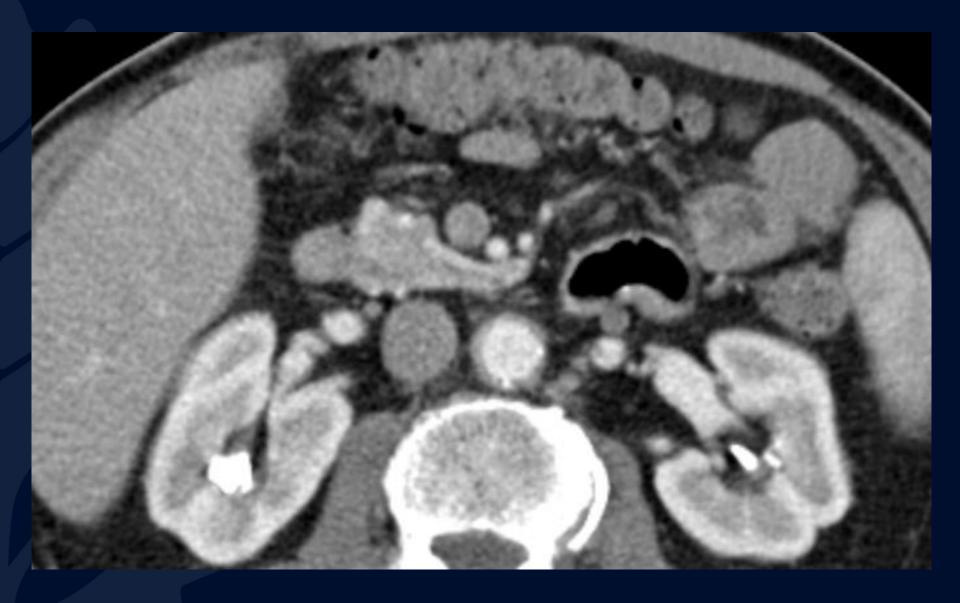
Sagittal view of thorax





Axial view of chest at level aortic arch





Axial view of upper abdomen





Axial view of pelvis





Coronal view of abdomen

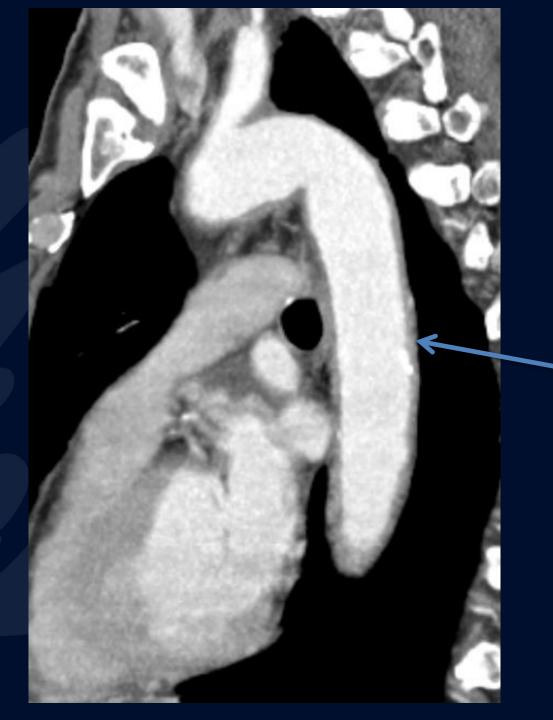






Giant Cell Arteritis

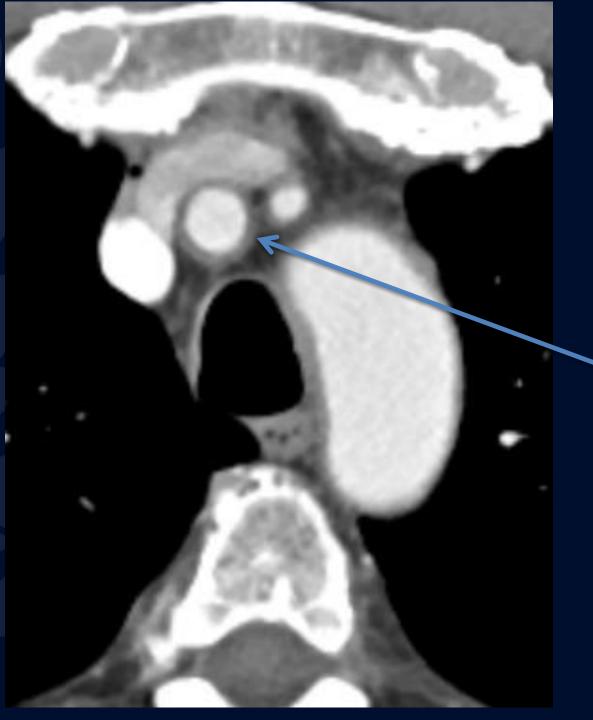




Sagittal view of thorax

Diffuse circumferential wall thickening of the descending aorta





Axial view of chest at level aortic arch

Diffuse
circumferential
wall thickening of
the right
brachiocephalic
artery





Axial view of upper abdomen

Diffuse circumferential wall thickening of abdominal aorta

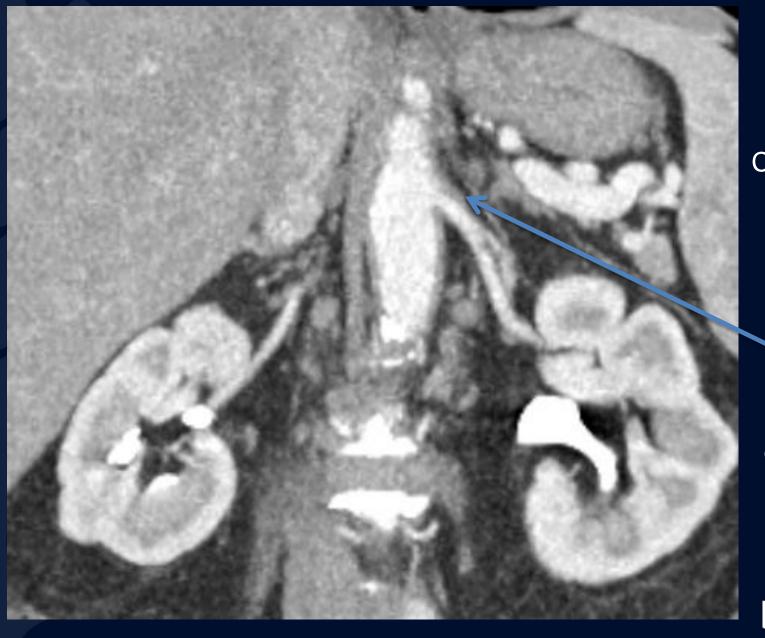




Axial view of pelvis

Diffuse circumferential wall thickening of the bilateral common iliac arteries





Coronal view of abdomen

Diffuse circumferential wall thickening of the left renal artery



Giant Cell Arteritis

- Large vessel arteritis
- Aka temporal arteritis
- More commonly occurs in patients > 50 y/o
- Involves large arteries
 - Aorta
 - Main aortic branches
 - Temporal artery
- Increased risk of aortic aneurysm and dissection
- Top DDx is Takayasu arteritis
 - Rare in patients > 50 y/o



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